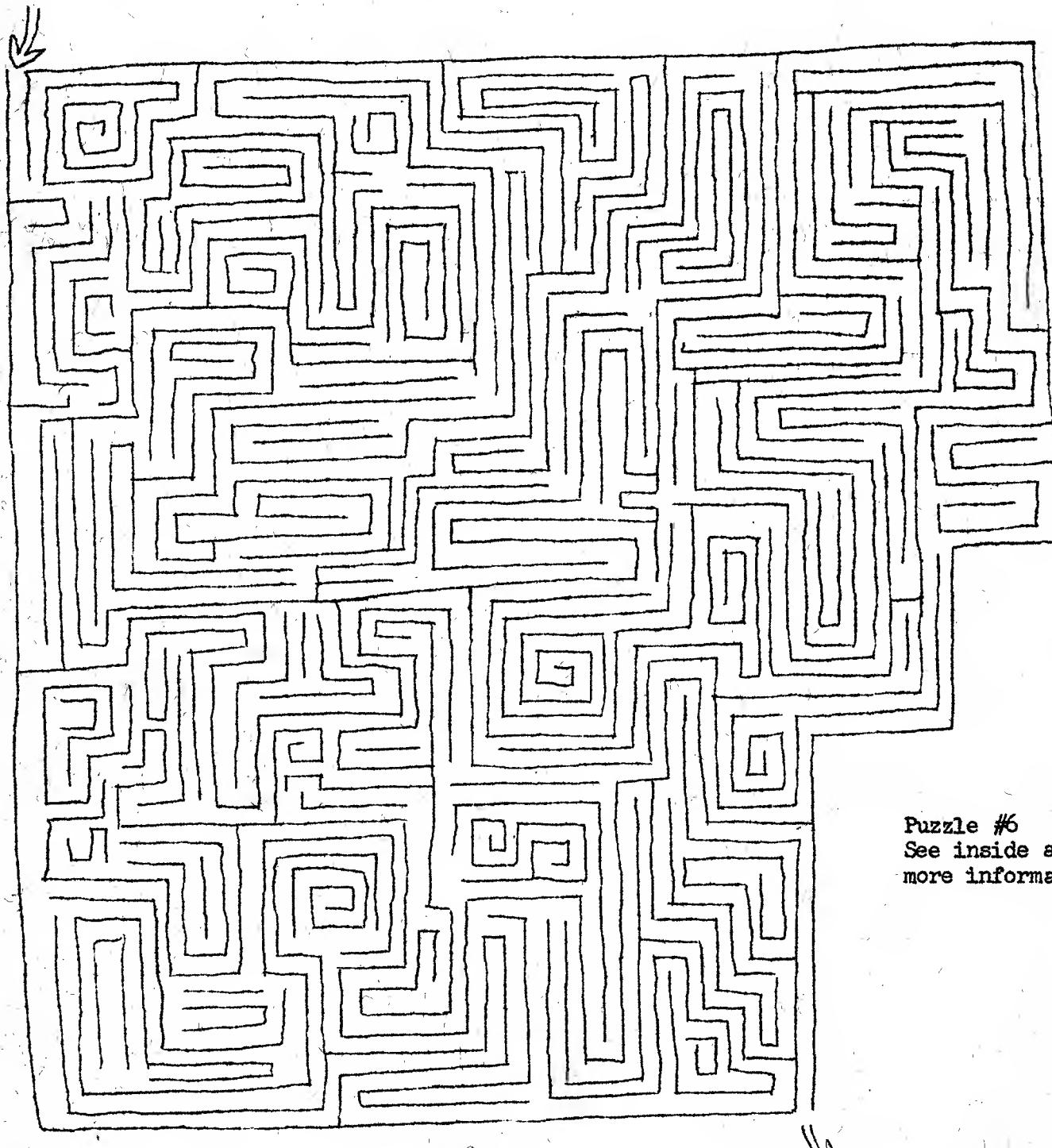


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Puzzle #6
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more information.

PUZZLE #6

I thought that I would do a different kind of a puzzle. Since it was big in area, and not altogether lacking a pleasing look, I put it on page one as a cover. It is a maze puzzle with only one path and one solution only. I checked it for errors and found none. Thus, I hope you all will enjoy the puzzle. The puzzle is called "Labyrinth" and was taken from a book of mazes by Vladimir Koziakin. It has a rated time of 15 minutes to solve. Can you beat that time? In any case, don't expect to see a solution for it as it would take up too much space. Have fun. (Caution: If you don't want to ruin the front cover of your "precious" Impassable, try using tracing paper.--Ed.)

THAT EASY SOLUTION FOR PUZZLE #5

The miser places three coins on each pan of the balance. If these coins do not balance, the counterfeit coin is one of the three coins in the higher pan. The teller then takes these three coins and proceeds to the second weighing by taking two of these three coins and placing one on each pan of the balance. If these two coins balance, then the third coin is counterfeit. If they do not balance, the counterfeit coin is in the higher pan. Now, suppose the three coins in each pan balance; then the six coins are good. Hence, the counterfeit coin is one of the remaining two. The miser then weighs these two coins to determine which one is good.

PUZZLES ARE POPULAR!

The most popular feature in Impassable have been the puzzles. I get many replies and answers on the puzzles. I got so many letters on solutions that I did not publish any as I already have a well-written solution to print. Maybe that's why I have a maze this time--in order to cut down on the mail! In any case, as these puzzles have pleased most everyone, Impassable will continue to carry one in each issue.

However, if anyone has trouble with the maze, I will gladly "show" them how to do it. I have run off extra copies to either give away as samples or as solutions to those who have worn themselves out trying to find a way through the maze. One thing is guaranteed and that is it isn't impassable! I'll bet that people will write for more mazes, but I have a different kind of puzzle for nextish which should be a real puzzler--ch, oh, oh!

IMPASSABLE'S REPLACEMENT LIST

Here is an updated list of stand-bys for the several games in Impassable. We need several stand-bys for Game #4 just started. Let me know if I overlooked you, or if you want to hop on the bandwagon for a possible free "meal".

Game 1970BJ: 1. Lenard Lakofka (Will you please take over France for Fong?)
2. Mark Thomas (Please send in moves in case Lakofka doesn't want France)

3. Mark Weidmark
4. Howard Mahler

Game 1972AZ: 1. John DePrisco
2. Mark Richter
3. James Fish

Game 1972BG: 1. Mark Thomas
2. Mark Weidmark

Game 1972BW: 1. Mark Richter
2. Howard Mahler
3. James Fish
4. Mark Weidmark

Game #4: Need Stand-bys for this game

ADDRESS CHANGES AND CHANGES IN IMPASSABLE'S MAILING LIST

We have three additions and one deletion from our mailing list. The one deletion is: Robert Johnson, Whippany, NJ. The additions follow:

Mike Brennan, 505 Marick, St. Louis, MO 63119; Corbett Ray, 6530 Fannin, Houston, TX 77025; and Richard St. Johns, 246 26th St., Santa Monica, CA 90402.

This makes for a circulation of at least 75, including those of En Passant. The reason for the slowdown is that we haven't continued our advertising campaign. We will resume that at a later time after we let go of the En Passant games.

PROGRESS REPORT ON NEW GAMES

I have made some progress on my version of Scotice Scripti II, but will not have that done until perhaps in August with all that I have to do with everything else I am putting out. Consider this: Chapel Hill Publications is now publishing: Impassable, circ 75, En Passant, Diplomacy Review, circ 80 plus, and the Council Courier, circ. approx 15. Both the DR and CC are IDA publications of which I am the elected Editor. This is what keeps me pretty busy, and doesn't allow me such an aggressive expansion program for circulation increases.

OPTIONS

by Douglas Beyerlein

Impassable is both happy and proud to present another original article by Douglas Beyerlein. Doug is an eminent Diplomacy player in this country, and appears on many polls as one of the best around. We take our hats off to another fine article from Doug. We hope that our readers will enjoy this article on "Options" while learning some of the finer techniques at the same time. Again, many thanks are extended to Doug for a very fine effort.

An option is the potential ability to change from one strategy or alliance pattern to another. Having as many options as possible in the game of Diplomacy is very important. Options allow a player to prevent or retaliate against a stab, change from an unproductive to a game-winning alliance, or do whatever is needed to win. In other words, having a variety of options is insurance against unforeseen events.

Options are important in every stage of a game. However, they are most critical and numerous at the start of a game. Assuming that there are no pre-set alliances each player is somewhat uncertain as to what the other six players will do until the Spring 1901 moves are published. It is then in this initial stage of the game where having options can make all the difference.

Options are dependent upon the plans of the other countries on the board. As a commitment is directly opposite to an option each player should try to get the neighboring countries committed to a line of action away from one's own country at the start of the game. This reduces your opponents' options and increases yours. Some examples of how this should be done follow. (1) Germany can try to get England committed to an attack on France with the move by England of F Lon-Eng on the Spring '01 turn. At the same time Germany is neutral to France with the conventional opening of A Mun-Ruh, A Ber-Kie, F Kie-Den. England now has little choice but to continue its assault on France (especially if France decides to retaliate after seeing the English fleet in the Channel) while Germany has the option to attack France, England, or Russia after its 1901 gain of neutral supply centers. If Germany does not want the English attack to succeed it can tell France of the planned attack and thus commit both of its neighbors while retaining its options. Obviously Germany could also work it the other way around with France instead of England moving to the Channel.

(2) Austria can attempt to commit Turkey to moving A Smy-Arm. If this is achieved on the Spring 1901 turn Austria is almost guaranteed of a Russo-Turkish war while Austria is yet to be committed to either side. The Austrian player may then ally with either Turkey, Russia, or even Italy after spending 1901 protecting its borders and grabbing up Serbia and Greece in the Balkans. With Russia and Turkey committed to a war Austria can assess the situation and then join the side which offers the best chance of future growth.

As from the above examples it can be seen that the interior powers (Germany, Italy, Austria) can make the best use of options and commitments. This is because they are the most exposed to attack and therefore must force the exterior countries to fight among themselves to give the interior powers a chance to win. However, the exterior powers can also make good use of options if they want to do so although it is not as critical to their success.

Options can be a disadvantage in special situations. When an initial game alliance involves a quick stab and blitz of a third party it is very important that there be no delays. The commitment is total, but the potential rewards great. If a player tries to be too uncommitted at the start of a game in order to retain all possible options that player will likely find all the neighboring powers converging on him and all his options now useless. Thus, it is the right combination of alliance commitments and open options which separate the winners from the losers. And of course remember this is all a result of good diplomacy and nothing more. Used as such success is only 18 supply centers away.

HOW ABOUT AN ARTICLE FROM OUR NOVICE PLAYERS?

Doug asked if I could get one of my new players to write an article on how things look when entering into the hobby. Indeed, I, myself, had written such an article in Issue #2 of Impassable entitled, "The Trials And Ordeals Of A Beginner."

Impassable is now formally asking for an article from our beginners on how it was to enter the hobby. We will print the best one(s) as space permits. This should be very interesting, and update my own article as to present conditions.

Please submit any article before the next game deadline: July 19, 1972. I will be putting any such article in Issue #7.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES FROM THE PLAYERS

We have ten more bibliographies for this issue plus one correction: Steve Cairns has a major in Political Science, not Police as I thought. He confirmed the report that he has Political Science--it reminds me of my hating Political Science, rather, I thought that it was pretty stupid.

Atteberry, William--Born August 5, 1939. Is Vice President of Kissell Company (as a Mortgage Banker). Has a B.S. from U. of Maryland, and a J.O. from U. of Baltimore. Other hobbies includes writing of which he is the author of "Modern Real Estate Finance," Grid, Inc., Columbus, OH--1972 (378 pgs.). Other hobbies are stamps, tennis, bowling, golf, and reading.

Brennan, Mike--I was born on August 22, 1956 in St. Louis and have lived there ever since. This September ('72) I will be starting my Junior year at St. Louis University High. My interest in wargaming began last August when I saw an ad for Strategy and Tactics magazine and soon became a subscriber. Since then I have developed an interest for boardgames and armored miniatures. I am also interested in photography, drawing, and painting.

Lindauer, Harvey--I was born on September 3, 1956, which makes me 15 now. I am a Junior in Evander Childs H.S. in Bronx, NY. I became interested in Diplomacy because I like to play games that make you think to play and win, not just by spinning dice. I play chess also. I am really looking forward to playing Diplomacy by mail.

Mahler, Howard--I was born on July 23, 1951 in New York City and have lived there since (Whitestone is near Shea's Stadium (N.Y. Mets & Jets)). I went to the Bronx H.S. of Science and am now a Senior at Queens College (a branch of the City University of N.Y.). I am majoring in Math and Physics and will go onto graduate school in order to get my Ph.D. in math (probably at N.Y.U.). My hobbies are chess, bridge, and astronomy. I have only played 2 games of Diplomacy, but am very good at the tactics.

Knudsen, Bob--I was born June 22, 1954. (Happy Birthday to you, Bob!--Ed.) I am presently a senior in High School. I plan to attend Cal Berkeley next year and major in Engineering. Along with Diplomacy I play Avalon Hill Wargames, chess, or any game I can find opponents for. I enjoy all sports, and in particular golf (one reason being I work after school at a golf course so this works out nicely).

Lakofka, Lenard--I am Mr. & Mrs. Lakofka's gift to the world, Lenard. An aged over-

worked Biochemist, working as a Department Store supervisor, after working 9 years obtaining an MS in Bio and BS in Chem. My 28 summers have been consumed in Model Railroading, Folk Music, Wargaming, and other reverie I'm not permitted to disclose. I've played this silly game for three years, currently playing in over twenty games and gamesmastering 14. That's enough poop of this sort I suppose--I hate biographical lies, they catch up with you and make you pensive, winsome, and mandline.

Morris, Robert--I am thirteen years old and I attend Gunston Jr. High School in Arlington, VA. I am interested in writing, history, and wargaming. I, along with a friend of mine, Art Skaer, subscribe to "Strategy and Tactics," a magazine containing articles on famous wars, battles, etc.. I have played a few games of Diplomacy with my friends, but I wouldn't call myself an experienced player. However, I am determined to survive.

Murray, Mark--Age: 20 yrs. Just finishing sophomore year at Holy Cross College. Math/Economics Major. Looking for a summer job, any offers? Currently playing in two other Diplomacy games (1972A in Graustark and X-8 in Xa-Na-du--published by two Brown U. students). Just started playing on our Lacrosse team this year. Have interests in Basketball and Baseball (anyone have a softball team that needs a R.I. area player?). Am becoming an avid skier, but can only manage 1 or 2 trips a year. This year I was fortunate enough to go to Europe (Austria). This is a bunch of Bull. How come there aren't any girls playing postal Diplomacy? (My guess is that they are too busy playing something else--Ed.)

McCormick, Don--17 years ago I was born and have been causing trouble ever since. I am a senior at Nightstown High School and will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point starting this summer (Don has already entered West Point, and has asked that a friend play in his stead. This substitute player for the time being will be Mike Keller).

McKeon, John--none submitted.

Nelson, Douglas--I am 18 years old and a student. This fall I will begin my freshman year at Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter, MN. I have only a little bit of experience in postal Diplomacy. I also play wargames and participate in many sports.

Well, there were 11 names, but only ten bibliographies. Nextish we will have 10 more secret documents exposed to the critical eyes of the scandal-hungry public.

Game 1970BJ, Fall 1902

FRANCE GOES UNORDERED! RUSSIA TAKES THE LEAD WITH EIGHT UNITS! AUSTRIA AND GERMANY SECOND WITH SIX! TURKEY HIT HARD BY RUSSIAN FORCES!

Austria (Bayerlein)--A Bul-Con, F Aeg S A Bul-Gal, A Tri H, A Ser-Bul

England (Inzer)--A Nor H/r/ (may retreat or disband unit), F Nth S A Nor H, F Eng-Bre, F Nat-Mid

France (Fong)--Unordered. Will Lenard Lakofka please take over France? Thanks.

Germany (Cooper)--A Bur S Ita A Pie-Mar, A Bel-Pic, F Hel-Nth, A Den-Kie, F Bal-Den

Italy (Phillips)--A Pie-Mar, A Ven S Aus A

Ser-Tri /nso/, F Tyr-Lyo, F Wes S Tyr-Lyo

Russia (Richter)--A StP-Nor, F Swe S A StP-Nor, F Sev-Rum, A Ukr S F Sev-Rum, A Arm-Ank, F Bla S Arm-Ank

Turkey (Gutierrez)--Retreats A Bul-Con, F Bla /r/. A Con S A Ank, A Smy S A Con, A Ank S A Ank /imp/

Propaganda--

Moscow--Tsar Markovitch III today announced a pact of nonaggression with Germany and a similar treaty with Austria. The friends of Russia prosper.

Sevastopol, November 25--The Thanksgiving Day feast of the military governor here is expected to be a great success. The Emperor of Austria has been invited, but it is not yet known whether he will avail himself of the opportunity to attend. Rumor has it that this evening's feast will see everyone Russian for a piece of Turkey.

Fall, 1902 Supply Center Chart--

Gains, Bul Losses, AMX

Austria: Home, Ser, Gre, Bul (6) Builds 1

England: Home, Nor (3) Loses 1

France: Bre, Par, Mar, Por, Spa (4) Stands Pat

Germany: Home, Bel, Den, Hol (6) Stands Pat

Italy: Home, Tun, Mar (5) Builds 1

Russia: Home, Swe, Rum, Nor, Ank (8) Builds

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Turkey: Con, Smy, Ank (2) Lost 1 unit in Summer 1902, stands pat

DEADLINE--

Autumn retreats and Winter, 1902 builds are both due July 19, 1972, at noon. Also, Len Lakofka takes over France from Fong. We have two new stand-bys for this game: 1. Mark Thomas, and 2. Howard Mahler.

NOTE!! Mike Gutierrez's address is: LSU, P.O. Box 22218, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. This different from that reported in #5.

Also: Lenard Lakofka's address is: 4970 N. Marine Dr., Apt. 525, Chicago, IL 60640.

Game 1972AZ, Fall 1901

GERMANY FALLS BACK FROM ONSLAUGHT OF FOUR NATIONS! RUSSIA TAKES MUNICH! AUSTRIA HAS SLIM LEAD WITH SIX CENTERS!

Austria (Osmanson)--F Alb-Gre, A Bud-Rum, A Ser S A Bud-Rum

England (Wiskow)--F Nth C A Yor-Den, F Nwg-Nor, A Yor-Den

France (Mahler)--A Spa-Por, F Pic-Bel, A Bur S Rus A Sil-Mun

Germany (Placek)--F Kie-Hol, A Ber-Sil, A Mun S A Ber-Sil /r/

Italy (Hollingsworth)--F Tyr-Tun, A Ven-Pie, A Tyr-Mun

Russia (Bessen)--F StP (SC)-Bot, F Sev H, A Sil-Mun, A War-Pru

Turkey (Thomas)--A Bul-Rum, A Arm-Sev, F Ank-Bla

Propaganda--

Baden-Baden--Kaiser Wilhelm, upon completion of a 3-week honeymoon with Princess Olga of Sweden, was distraught to learn that his cousin, the Czar, has promulgated an attack upon the German fatherland.

Berlin--The Council of Ministers, taken by surprise in the absence of the Kaiser by the full force of the Polish armies (both soldiers crossed the border at 11:45 pm, May 31), announced plans to repulse them by use of the scorched earth policy: We will scorch their earth.

Berlin--General Hatton here (this is where they need me). Study of the Spring dispositions makes for some interesting reading. German General Staff collapsed in shock under a 4-way attack, although England may slide off to the north. The Fatherland is not long for this world.

Next on the menu is Russia. That's due to her decision to fight a three-front war (Turkey, Germany, England). By attempting victory on three fronts, she only insures losses on all. Not enough manpower.

Black Sea--Blub, Blub, Blub

Ecclesiastes--Who knows what evil lurks within the hearts of men.

Giuseppe Garibaldi--Clearly someone in Central Europe is going to need an ally sooner or later. If that could be you, the Tyrolean army may be the answer to your prayers.

Klutz: What did Hugo the Baker as he scent hor d'oeuvres to the flour (or cream)

of his troops which started them rolling into Greece?

Goose: Tis a far far better thing I dough than I half oven done B.

North Sea--Rule Britannia, Britannia rules the waves. The French and Germans, very soon shall be slaves.

Samoh-Karm--We see that not only does the St. Petersburg regime wish to play with fire but also with Austria. He is going to burn his hands and his back at the same time. We would also like to thank the writer of "Constantinople" (presumably, from the moves, Italy) for his warning. We are in his debt.

Scorched Earth--St. Petersburg--I hope non of you were surprised by the overt stupidity of this Czar. I paid \$5.00 just to play this-bleep-game!

Siberia--I'm willing to make a concession. How about a letter?

Stephan of Lwow (Lemberg to you Krauts and to the Drool Monarchy and LVOV to you Ruskies)--I see my mines scared the borscht right out of the fleet in St. Petersburg. I forgive your insults Hugo since you did exactly what I told you to. However, any more insults and I'll throw a curse on your matzahs and turn them into pizzas.

The Galloping Gourmet--Nehmen wir unsern Teile der deutschen Pastete. (Let us take our slices of the German pie.)

Tyrolia--Who said Italians were dumb?

Wolfgang's Spa, Nice, Riviera--We regret that the Grand Duke of Venice decided to go to the mountains rather than stay in our resort by the sea. We wish to caution him that he will have a hard time finding a vacancy in Munich due to the Olympics.

N.S.C.--Reuters announced today that reports reaching their Prague bureau confirmed the creation of a Silesian Aryan Anti-Defamation League. Upon checking with the government in Warsaw, the reply was, "How do you spell 'Anti'?"

Fall, 1901 Supply Center Chart: Gains Nor, Losses Nor

Austria: Home, Rum, Ser, Gre (6) Builds 3

England: Home, Nor, Den (5) Builds 2

France: Home, Bel, Por (5) Builds 2

Germany: Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol (3) Stands Pat

Italy: Home, Tun (4) Builds 1

Russia: Home, Mun (5) Builds 1

Turkey: Home, Bul (4) Builds 1

DEADLINE--

Autumn retreats and Winter builds are due July 19, 1972, at noon. Builds may be made conditional upon autumn retreats.

Game 1972BG, Spring 1901

FRANCE INVADES ITALY! GERMANY INVADES AUSTRIA! RUSSIA AND TURKEY CLASH IN THE BLACK SEA! EUROPE IS IN FLAMES OF WAR!

Austria (Pyle)--A Bud-Ser, F Tri-Alb, A Vie-Tri

England (McCormick-Keller)--F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth, A Liv-Edi

France (Murray)--A Par-Gas, A Mar-Pie, F Bre-Mid

Germany (DePrisco)--F Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Tyr

Italy (Hrbek)--A Ven-Tri, A Rom-Apu, F Nap-Ion

Russia (Fish)--F StP(SC)-Bot, F Sev-Bla, A War-Cal, A Mos-Ukr

Turkey (Tovson)--F Ank-Bla, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con

NOTE: Don McCormick has to go to West Point and has asked me to allow Mike Keller to take over for awhile. Mike's address is: 21 Station Rd., Cranbury, NJ 08512. Also, Richard Tovson's will have a new address effective July 19th: USS Dewey DLG-14, FPO New York, NY. What is your zip code Richard?

Propaganda--

Buckingham Palace--Today the Queen announced that an understanding had been reached with the Norwegian people and that the B.E.F. would encounter no resistance upon occupation. This news was greeted with great joy throughout the land. Norway also voluntarily chose to become part of the Commonwealth. Also it was noted that the Grand Fleet had gone to sea and had taken along provisions for at least a year of extended duty. The War Ministry was reported to have been in a quandry as to the formation of official policy in the coming war. All they would say is, "Norway is ours".

Moscow, 21st Jan 1901--It was announced today that Grand Duke Sergi Eisenstein, commander of the Black Sea Fleet, had taken with him a newfangled device for showing moving pictures to entertain the Turkish Admiralty.

Paris--The French government is sending everybody one complementary can of Bon-Vivant Visichwa (or however the heck it is spelled). This way we hope to keep the world resting in peace the easy way. Look out world! Here I come!

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Rome, 2 May, 1901--King Ernesto il Ginzo today demanded that Austro-Hungarian authorities cease harassing Italian tourists at the border. He threatened to send Italian forces into Trieste to ensure proper treatment of Italian nationals. When queried by the press as to why the King didn't order Austrians held for similar "virtue checks", King Ginzo responded that he didn't think that there were enough virtuous people in Austria-Hungary to make the endeavor worthwhile.

St. Petersburg, Jan 15th 1901--The Russian War Office announced today that due to Revolutions sweeping Galicia, the Ukraine and Sweden military units of Imperial Russia have been put on full alert. The fleet at St. Petersburg has been ordered with a full complement of Imperial Marines to Sweden to put down the revolt there. The First and Second Imperial Armies have been ordered to Galicia and the Ukraine to suppress uprisings in those areas. Minister of the Interior, Prince Andrei Narishkin revealed that the uprisings were the result of the followers of the revolutionary Karl Marx and expressed the hope that the civilized countries of Europe would help squash this threat to order.

Sevastopol, 18th Jan 1901--Commander of the Black Sea Fleet, Grand Duke Sergi Eisenstein ordered the Fleet to sea on its annual maneuvers. The Duke said he hoped to meet his Turkish opposite and share some of the excellent Vodka that he had brought with him.

Turkey--The Sultan of Turkey has been drugged. He remembers nothing. All of his correspondence has vanished. Will the allies please refresh his memory on his commitments?

Venice, 1 May, 1901--Italian border authorities today reported that Austrian guards were harassing Italian citizens who were passing into Austria. Muttering something about virtue checks, the Austrians were requiring all good looking young Italian females to spend several hours in the customs house before being allowed to pass into Austria.

Vienna (LRV), March 12, 1901--An unidentified source today announced that the Dictator has planned a meeting tomorrow with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The reason was not given, but it is believed to concern all of Europe since several top ambassadors have been reported to have returned in the last few days from their posts. The recent threats of a general outbreak of hostilities throughout Europe is thought to be the reason.

Vienna (LRV), March 13, 1901--The results of a ten-hour meeting today between the Dictator and the Joint Chiefs of Staff were released just recently. As suspected, it

concerned the threat of war throughout the continent. The First Army has been ordered to move to and capture Serbia, the First Fleet is to move to Greece subduing Albania first, the Second Army has been given the task of protecting the Capital and protecting the coast. Due to the great strain upon the Dictator from these meetings, it was announced that he will be away from the Capital for the next few weeks.

GAME ANALYSIS--This game is fortunate to have Lenard Lakofka analyze as the play develops. Indeed, even before the war started, Len had written a Winter, 1900 "analysis":

The first annual Vienna Conclave to study the properties of unusual communications, which were dubbed 'Telepathy' by senior research analyst Dr. Johnathan T. Bower in his paper 'Impassable and Unplausible Properties of Mental Phenomenon, convened on March 8, 1900.

Preemptive to this conclave, a series of experiments in the great capitals of Europe had taken place, and each had sent one representative who demonstrated unusually profound 'telepathic' powers. These seven persons were: Doctor Otto von Kraut, research physicist at Berlin University; the renown 'the great Humdinger,' Mr. Hubert Heratio Humdinger, an Italian Cabaret performer and mind reader; Camel dealer Aliben Pasha Sid Yid; Monsieur Pierrie Landau, Professor of Kinematics at Paris University; General Akim Asimov of the Czar's Imperial Guard; Mr. Francis Grauarch, a reporter for the Vienna Daily Blab, and Miss Wilman Lutush, a lady of calling from London's lower west side.

"My distinguished guests," said Dr. Bower while staring at Miss Lutush's assets, "our first experiment shall be to try to pool your telepathic abilities on a common verse and see if it can be transmitted."

So the group sent forth their moody verse:

"I do not know beneath what sky,
Nor on what seas shall be thy fate,
I only know it shall be high,
I only know it shall be great."

And across all of Europe persons turned from side to side to catch a glimpse of the unseen poet, discourses trailed off as men's minds were caught by the short quatrain, and deep, in what man called 'space', a consciousness was touched.

At once the power each could wield became apparent--in their union great

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governments could be forced to topple and vast empires could come under their sway. For now that they had touched their minds, each could tap all of the others just as a wick uses up all the tallow in a candle.

In a few short weeks each of these seven were the masters of their respective countries and the balance of power, so carefully set up, was brought to a point of collapse!

Almost at once the seven began to mistrust the others in the coven of minds, and it was this doubt that was their weakness. Now Dr. Bower, and allies unknown to him, could break into this coven and destroy it. But could it be done before all of Europe was in shambles?

DEADLINE: Fall, 1901 orders and propaganda are due Junly 19, 1972, at noon.

Game 1972BW--Formerly Game #3

Winter, 1900 propaganda--

Constantinople (Dec. 14, 1900), Reuters--
Abdul Hamid II, Sultan of Turkey, announced today the deployment of naval squadrons and several regiments of Janissaries along the Russian frontier. He said that this was a result of the inordinate territorial demands made by the Russian Czar. "To have yielded to such demands would have sacrificed the territorial integrity and independence of the Ottoman Empire," the Sultan was quoted as saying. He also commented that the Turkish people were originally sympathetic to Russia, but that now Turkey must turn her eyes westward, in the hope of declawing the avaricious bear.

Italy, Dec. 21, 1900-- Greetings to all the nations in Europe. Recently the government in Italy has been overthrown, and free elections have taken place. My supporters (the people of Italy) have elected me as the Dictator of Italy. I have accepted this position in the newly formed Republic of Italy on the condition that when the existing crisis in Europe is alleviated, I shall step down from my position and see that free elections are held again, and a Democracy is established in Italy.

Italy, Dec. 31, 1900-- Now that winter is well under way, the delicate situation that exists in Europe has become inflamed. All Europe is panic stricken at the prospect of war. Words have been flying all over Europe in the past few weeks and all the nations in Europe have been preparing for war by increasing their armies and navies. Italy too has been increasing it's army and navy, but not for

the intent of starting a war, just for defensive purposes. I expect that by the end of this winter the Italian Army will consist of two units stationed at the major Italian cities of Rome and Venice, and the Italian Navy will consist of one tremendous Fleet stationed at the coastal port of Naples.

Rome, Jan. 1, 1901-- Late this afternoon, after the festivities of New Year's Eve have died down, and most of the hangovers have been slept off, the Dictator of Italy has made a speech before thousands and thousands of his followers. In his speech he informed them of the diplomatic relations that went on between him and a few of the other Heads of State of the major powers of Europe last night. He wasn't very specific in his speech regarding the Italian policies toward the other nations of Europe, but he was reassuring to the people of Italy. The most specific statement he made was at the close of his speech when he said, "I believe that we have found a friend, but unfortunately, we have found an enemy also."

Vienna-- Reliable sources have warned us against a double-cross by our seemingly loyal friend, Turkey. We hope that this is not true, but if it is, all I can say is, Turkey, BEWARE!!

Vienna-- We have tried to negotiate peacefully with the Czar, but we have received information that leads us to believe that a Russian-Turkish Alliance is being formed. If this is true, I say to the Russians, take your proposals and shove them up your...(etc.)

NSG-- In a recent edition of a popular London newspaper, there was a cartoon concerning the letter sent to a French Diplomatic Official from a high ranking German Official. This letter was made public by the French Government after a lengthy series of letters had been sent between Germany and France concerning peace. In the French letter sent to Germany right before this last letter, the German Official was asked if he had spoken to Victoria about peace. In his next letter, the German Official was quoted as saying, "Victoria who?"

DEADLINE-- Spring, 1901 orders and propaganda are due July 19, 1972, at noon. Good Luck to all of you in your little war.

Make somebody happy today. Mind your own business.

STILL ANOTHER GAME--GAME #4

Another war is about to begin within these peaceful pages of Impassable. This is our fourth game to start for novices, and we now will proceed to the names, addresses and country assignments:

Preference Table

Schleinkofer	E F T G R A I
Brennan	G E F A R I T
Ray	G T F I R E A
Morris	E I T F R G A
De Lucia	A T F G I R E
McKeon	F R G I T E A
Nelson	T G R I E F A

Final country assignments are underlined. De Lucia, McKeon and Nelson received their unique choices while Schleinkofer and Ray won their tosses. Now for the names and addresses:

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Winter 1900 propaganda are due July 19, 1972, at noon. This is not mandatory, but gives all time to start negotiations. Spring moves will be due August 9, 1972, at noon. Good Luck to all of you, and the best of wishes for a successful game.

A DEADLINE DELAY

The deadline for Issue #7 has been set back for an additional week to give everyone time off for the July 4th celebrations. Also, I will be hoping to visit Bob Johnson for some across-the-board playing of Diplomacy. Thus, that particular weekend will be reserved for that event should the case be that I can go. (I'll bet they're wondering what kind of freakish monster will show up from Carlisle to win all the games. Drool, chuckle, slurp!) Therefore, I hereby announce that the deadline will be July 19, 1972, at noon for all games in both En Passant and Impassable.

EN PASSANT GAMES

There weren't very many press releases from these games, so I have decided not to print the two or three press releases I did receive. This will save some space for non-game materials. The En Passant games follows from here on.

EP III, FALL 1905

Austria (Talbot)--A Vie S F Alb-Tri, A Ser S F Alb-Tri, A Bud S F Alb-Tri/a/, F Alb-Tri

England (Cooper)--F Nth S A Hol, F Eng S A Bel, A Hol S Ger A Den-Kie/nsu/, F Mid S F Gas-Spa(NC), F Gas-Spa(NC), A Bel H

France (Lugosch) NMR F Wes H/r/, A Spa H/r/, A Bur H, A Ruh H

Germany (Lane) A Kie-Ruh, A Ber-Sil/a/, A Mun-Bur

Italy (Burt)--F Tun-Wes, F Tyr S F Tun-Wes, F Gre-Alb/a/, A Ven S A Tri, A Tri S A Tyr-Vie, A Tyr-Vie

Russia (Rocamora)--A Nor H, A Den-Kie, F Bal S A Pru-Ber, A Pru-Ber, A Sil S A Pru-Ber, A Gal-Bud, A Rum S A Gal-Bud

Turkey (McGee)--A Bul-Gre, F Aeg S A Bul-Gre, A Con-Bul, F Eas-Ion

FALL 1905 Supply Center Chart: Gains Nor Losses Nor

Austria: Vie, Ser, Bud (2) Removes 1

England: Home, Hol, Bel, Bre, Spa (7) Builds 1

France: Par, Mar, Por, Spa (3) Removes 1

Germany: Kie, Mun, Ber (2) Stands Pat

Italy: Home, Tun, Tri, Wes (5) Stands Pat

Russia: Home, Nor, Den, Swe, Rum, Bud,

Ber (10) Builds 3

Turkey: Home, Bul, Gre (5) Builds 1

NOTE! Since Lugosch missed for the second time, the position of France will go to the first person, not in this game and a regular reader of En Passant, to submit Autumn retreat orders and Winter 1905 removal orders. All orders are due July 19, 1972, noon. Sorry about overlooking headlines for this game.

EP III, FALL 1906

TURKS TAKES VIENNA AND MOSCOW IN A BROAD-FRONT OFFENSIVE! FRENCH FLEETS SAIL INTO LONDON AND TUNIS!

England (Open)--F Nor H/r/d/(no player: GM automatically disbands unit in civil disorder), F Iri H

France (Rocamora)--F Wal-Lon, F Wes-Tun, F Lyo-Tyr, A Ber-Pie, A Gas H, A Pic S A

Bel, A Bel S Ger A Hol
Italy (McGee) A Vie H/r/, A Gal S A Vie,
 F Adr-Ven, A Apu-Nap
Germany (Karp)--A Hol H, F Nth S F Swe-Nor,
 A War S A Mos, A Mos S A Fin-StP/r/, A Fin-
 StP, A Sil-Gal, A Mun-Tyr, F Swe-Nor
 Already retreated defeated Mos unit to Lit-
Turkey (Burt)--F Ion-Nap, F Gre-Ion, F Aeg S
 F Gre-Ion, A Bul-Gre, A Rum-Gal, A Sev S A
 StP-Mos, A Ukr S A StP-Mos, A Tri S A Bud-Vie,
 A Bud-Vie, F Bla H
Fall 1906 Supply Center Chart: Gains Nor,
Losses Nor
England: Edi, Lon, Nor (1) Stands Pat
France: Home, Bel, Lvp, Por, Spa, Lon, Tun
 (9) Builds 2
Germany: Home, Hol, Den, Swe, Nor, Mos, War,
 Nor, StP (9) Builds 1
Italy: Home, Vi, Th (3) Removes 1
Turkey: Home, Bul, Rum, Sev, Ser, Gre, Bud,
 Tri, StP, Vie, Mos (12) Builds 1
DEADLINE--Autumn and Winter 1906 orders are
 due July 19, 1972. Builds/Removals may be
 made conditional upon Autumn retreats.

EP IV, FALL 1905

GERMANY TAKES SWEDEN, MARCHES INTO BREST AND
 LANDS IN EDINBURGH, ENGLAND! TURKEY REGAINS
 SMYRNA! RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE STYMIED!

Austria (Talbot)--A Gal S A Ser-Rum, A Bud
 S A Gal, A Ser-Rum, A Bul-Con, A Alb-Tri,
 F Gre-Bul (SC)
England (Lugosch)--NMR A Lon H, F Eng H
France (Open)--A Pic H, A Mar H, F Mid H
Germany (Rocamora)--A Gas-Bre, F Den-Swe,
 F StP(NC) H, F Hel-Hol, A Bel-Edi, A Bur-Gas,
 A Mun H, F Nth C A Bel-Edi
Italy (Lane)--A Pie-Tyr, A Boh-Mun, F Smy S
 F Aeg/r/, F Aeg S F Smy
Russia (Burt)--F Bla-Con, A Sev S A Rum,
 A Rum S A Ukr-Gal, A War S A Ukr-Gal, A Ukr-
 Gal, F Nor-StP(NC)
Turkey (Cooper)--A Con-Smy, A Ank S A Con-Smy,
 A Syr S A Con-Smy
Fall, 1905 Supply Center Chart: Gains Nor,
Losses Nor
England: Lvp, Lon, Edi (2) Stands Pat
Austria: Home, Ser, Bul, Gre (6) Stands Pat
France: Mar, Por, Spa, Bla (3) Stands Pat
Germany: Home, Bel, Hol, Den, StP, Swe,
 Bre, Edi (10) Builds 3
Italy: Home, Tun (4) Stands Pat
Russia: Mos, War, Sev, Rum, Nor, Sve (5)
 Removes 1
Turkey: Home (3) Stands Pat
DEADLINE--Autumn retreats and Winter builds/
 removals are due July 19, 1972, noon. Winter
 orders may be made conditional upon retreats.

EP V, FALL 1902

GERMANY STAGGERS UNDER ATTACK IN SPITE OF
 FRENCH AID! RUSSIA GRABS TWO CENTERS!

Austria (Kirschenbaum)--NMR A Tyr H, A
 Ser H/r/, F Adr H, A Ven H, A Bud H
England (Rocamora)--F Nth-Den, F Eng S
 A Bel, A Bel S A Hol/a/, A Hol S A Bel,
 F Nor-Nth
France (Talbot)--A Bur S Ger A Ruh-Bel,
 A Pic S Ger A Ruh-Bel, A Spa-Mar, F Wes-
 Tun, F Lyo-Tyr
Germany (Tretick)--F Den-Nth/r/, A Ber-Sil,
 A Kie-Hol, A Ruh-Bel
Italy (Edeiken)--NMR A Mun H, A Pie H,
 F Ion H
Russia (Kleiman)--F Swe S Eng F Nth-Den,
 A Pru-Ber, A Sil S A Pru-Ber, F Rum-Bla,
 A Ukr-Rum
Turkey (Getty)--A Bul-Ser, A Gre S A Bul-
 Ser, F Aeg-Ion, F Smy-Eas
Fall 1902 Supply Center Chart: Gains Nor,
Losses Nor
Austria: Home, Ven, Ser (4) Removes 1
England: Home, Nor, Hol, Bla, Den (6)
 Lost one unit Fall '02, Builds 2
France: Home, Spa, Por, Tun (6) Builds 1
Germany: Kie, Ber, Den, Bel (2) Removes 1
Italy: Rom, Nap, Mun, Tun (3) Stands Pat
Russia: Home, Rum, Swe, Ber (7) Builds 2
Turkey: Home, Bul, Gre, Ser (6) Builds 2
DEADLINE--Autumn retreats and Winter builds/
 removals are due July 19, 1972, noon.
 Winter orders may be made conditional upon
 Autumn retreats. The position of Italy
 will be taken by the first person, not in
 this game and a regular reader of En
Passant, to submit Spring, 1903 moves for
 Italy.

EP VI, SPRING 1901

RUSSIA AND AUSTRIA CLASH HEADON IN GALICIA!
 TURKEY MOVES INTO THE BLACK SEA! WAR!

Austria (Birisan)--A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Gal,
 F Tri-Alb
England (Eller)--A Lvp-Edi, F Edi-Nwg,
 F Lon-Nth
France (Cooper)--A Mar S A Par-Bur, A Par-
 Bur, F Bre-Mid
Germany (Talbot)--F Kie-Den, A Mun-Ruh,
 A Ber-Kie
Italy (Rocamora)--A Ven H, A Rom-Apu,
 F Nap-Ion
Russia (Burt)--A War-Gal, A Mos-War,
 F Sev H, F StP(SC)-Bot
Turkey (Naus)--F Ank-Bla, A Con-Bul, A
 Smy-Arm

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DEADLINE--Fall orders are due July 19, 1972, at noon.

CARRYING EN PASSANT GAMES

There was only one complaint about my own decision to move up the deadline for En Passant games to match my Impassable games. There were several letters that were positive and thankful about my taking over for this summer. My policy is now firming up to be this: En Passant games will continue to be included within the pages of Impassable, but press releases will be kept to a bare minimum. My own games will continue to enjoy their space for press releases. As for missing moves, I will have any player missing two moves in a row replaced by anyone willing to submit moves. This applies only for those who are regular readers of En Passant. This means that the several "open" positions and those of McIlroy and Lugosch will be filled by anyone willing to play. Kirschenbaum only missed one season, but needs to send in his Autumn retreat/Winter removal orders in order to continue. I will not automatically eliminate units and allow the player to continue playing a country.

One person has sent in General Orders. I want to inform you all that I allow GO's and make use of them if you miss a move. Please be sure to include all the information and date of expiration. Also, you may send extra copies to insure one getting to me. One fellow sent in his orders by Air Mail/Special Delivery--75¢ of postage. A pretty expensive way to play this game. Avoid these problems by sending in orders early, and then revise them if you have to.

A REPLY TO FORUM QUESTION #4

Gee Whiz! Only one reply on the question of polls? Gosh! I thought that there were more controversies on that than on anything else but perhaps for feuds. Oh well, the one reply follows:

From Mark Weidmark--What do I think of the polls going on? I myself feel that they are mainly a popularity contest. How does anybody know how well I play, when I'm no farther than 1903 in any postal game I started in? I may well be the best player in history. And so may many others. When you take a poll with people, the only person who is going to rate enough to get the points is somebody everybody knows. Thus, I feel it is actually a popularity poll, and not a player skill poll. There may be a little distinction between the skills of the players

who rank in popularity to make it, but this is likely outweighed by the aforementioned factor. No, they are not valid! They are not needed in their present form! In IMPASSABLE? I would say "okay, maybe" with restrictions. A poll might work if the receivers of IMPASSABLE were the only ones eligible to vote, and that they could only vote on the players in IMPASSABLE. The evidence of the player skill is right in front of the readers noses, in the games, and it doesn't have the disadvantage of only the commonly known players being rated. A poll on a larger scale, without other modifications, which would be difficult, reverts back to what I feel is a popularity poll.

PANDORA'S MAILBOX

We have room to print two of importance. The first is from Mark Weidmark in reply to Lakofka's Pumpkin Seed Attack comments:

Note, I think Lakofka has got it mixed up with his Pumpkin Seed attack. Aren't you supposed to attack your ally, dislodge him, and have him retreat into the enemies supply centers? ((No, Lakofka meant that as a stab of your ally by having a former enemy, or a permanent enemy unit, dislodged into one of your former ally's centers.-ED)) Noting Len's dedication to Edi Birsan in 1971 DQ ((Thanks for the correction.-ED)). I was in fact the ally who Len dislodged in that game, having me retreat into Turkey's (Birsan's) open Greece. Quite interesting. Now from Greece, I supposedly supporting him into Serbia, which I in Albania, had unsuccessfully attempted to enter. I hereby testify the stab works, but how far I'm going to get with one army in Greece, is beyond me!

Our second letter is from Rod Walker:

It's always a pleasure to meet a Diplomacy player who has played in exactly zero postal games and already knows so much about the hobby that he can tell you to cut out "the usual Diplomacy banter". Considering that the entire published corpus of postal Diplomacy literature is now over 20 linear feet, such instant expertise is truly amazing.

However, for the average novice player, for whom this sort of osmosis fails to work, coverage of the Diplomacy field in IMPASSABLE is about the most important contribution you can make.

IMPASSABLE is, after all, a Diplomacy fanzine. One would think that this should indicate its content. Alas, Mitch suggests (Cont. next page)

you take up politics. The amount of published material on that subject is very considerable. Although I have dabbled in this subject in my own publications from time to time, it seems to me rather out of place.

What contribution could be made to the field by our amateur 'zines? How many postal Dippy players are equipped by training and experience to deal with political questions in a constructive way? Very few. The most political of our GM's, John Boardman, has had no formal training in the field, and his naive and hysterical approach to international affairs--and domestic politics--betrays his lack of preparation. Of course, as Barnum once said, "There's one born every minute", so Boardman's semi-literate sophistries always find fertile imaginations to appeal to. Nothing is more dull than the preaching of amateurs pretending to be Great Experts. I sincerely hope that IMPASSABLE will not screw itself up the way GRAUSTARK has.

You know, you're only on Issue 5, which is a hell of a time to worry about "improving". No 'zine really hits its stride right away. Eventually you will find your own 'zine style and hit on things which strike responsive chords in the readership.

One of the most fertile fields we have upcoming is the IDA. There are any number of plans, programs, and proposals upcoming which will no doubt be controversial. Some of the 'zines are going to have to take the lead in this debate, and IMPASSABLE, it seems to me, should be one of them. I realize that this is the sort of "usual Diplomacy banter" which won't appeal to Mitch Bailey--but after all, he can always read GRAUSTARK and Reader's Digest.

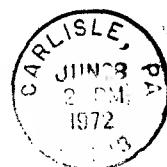
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THE EDITOR SPEAKS OUT

This is the last page and this is the column of space. I was going to print more letters, but I have run out of space. So, I'll make a brief reply to Rod's letter. Rod brought up an interesting question when he asked how many of us were qualified to deal with political questions. What intrigues me is the broader meaning that perhaps if we, an elite, are not able to handle such material intelligently, whether the rest of us can. Also, aren't we all citizens with a vote in our country's affairs? Are we not capable of running our own country? I was a Political Science major myself, and the one thing I learned was that it is very hard to change anyone's political philosophy. So, I won't attempt that in Impassable. I may mention something, but I won't preach any philosophy. After all, this is supposed to be a dippyzine. Perhaps someone would want to start a modern edition of the "Federalist Papers"?

One of the letters I didn't get to print was from Michael Karp in which he suggested that I use more hate in my columns. Well, I am sure many of you are aware of the strong feelings exhibited in the section of Rod's letter printed above. But, you won't find me hating in these columns. I don't fight in daylight--I am a backstabber.

Before I do run out of space, I want to bring up the trouble I have had recently with floods. As you all know by now, the Eastern part of the country has suffered floods and torrential rains. We were fortunate, but my relatives were not so lucky. Also, the mail has shut down here. So, I apologize for any lateness in Impassable.



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